This year, the Musical Theater Competition Team brought home the second place overall trophy. The team, comprising juniors and seniors, competed against almost fifty other schools in the US in a tournament in Los Angeles, California. The team took their A-game, and brought home great results.

Many of the team members placed within the top five in both duet and solo divisions. Competitors include seniors Natalie Myrick, Colin Wilson, Joe Townsend, Caitlyn Balkcum, Nick Pierle, Grant Hedrick, Morgan Summers, Bryce Edwards, and Katie Rosenberger. With them were juniors Katie Gallagher, Jenna Newman, Anna Gallucci, and Zeke Edmonds.

Some of the top placements include Grant Hedrick and Katie Gallagher, who placed fourth in the duet division, and Joe Townsend and Anna Gallucci, who won third place in their duet. Katie Gallagher placed third overall in the solo division, and Natalie Myrick also placed in the top four. Anna Gallucci brought home the gold with a first place in her solo.

“I sang Astonishing from Little Women, and it was difficult to do,” said Gallucci. “There was a big emotional shift, and that took more practice than the notes.”

Evidently, it all paid off.

“I was dumbfounded when they called my name. I was so surprised, I couldn’t believe it,” Gallucci said.

To many of the team members, critique by live judges was the most stressful part.

“Even though it was hard, it was really helpful,” said senior Joe Townsend. “I actually enjoyed it.”

“I had two judges, and one didn’t really say anything,” said junior Katie Gallagher. “But the other one kept talking and she made no sense. Even Mr. B was confused. She told me to make more of an ‘eh’ sound in my low notes. What does that even mean?”

The most prestigious award, however, would have to go to junior Zeke Edmonds. He won the Triple Threat Award, which means that he was the top singer, actor, and dancer out of all the competitors from all teams.

“I was in shock when they called my name,” Edmonds said. “I was so excited. I’ve been working extremely hard this year. I’ve put so much time into it, and taken so many classes. So it felt really good.”

Edmonds also performed a duet with junior Jenna Newman, which took third place, and one with senior Colin Wilson, which received excellent reviews from the judges.

“We had a lot of energy and character, and they really liked that,” said Edmonds.

Even with many awards, Edmonds doesn’t let it go to his head.

“I could definitely improve for next year. I really hope to. What the judges say sometimes, it’s hard, and you don’t want to hear it, but it helps you improve for next time.”

Townsend feels confident that even after the seniors, who made up most of the team, leave, the team will continue to prosper.

“A lot of our talent came from the junior class,” said Townsend. “I have no doubt that they can definitely continue the tradition.”